

C. S. LOBDELL.

FEBRUARY 2, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. PUGH, from the Committee on War Claims, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany House Res. No. 516.]

The Committee on War Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3299) for the relief of C. S. Lobdell, submit the following report:

This claim for stores and supplies taken by or furnished to the Federal forces for their use was referred by the Committee on War Claims of the House of Representatives of a previous Congress to the Court of Claims for determination under the act of Congress approved March 3, 1883, known as the Bowman Act.

Much testimony was taken and submitted to the court pursuant to its rules, but no determination of facts as to the loyalty of the claimant or the appropriation of the stores and supplies by the Federal forces, as alleged, was made by said court, for the reason that the court held that the single action of the House committee in referring said claim was not sufficient to confer jurisdiction upon it to hear and determine those questions under said act of March 3, 1883.

Hence, the above-numbered bill was introduced for the relief of the said claimant.

Your committee have fully considered the facts of said claim, and upon this consideration and it being manifest that all the parties have proceeded in entire good faith before the Court of Claims and at considerable expense in taking testimony, they recommended the passage of the accompanying resolution transmitting said bill to the Court of Claims to find and report the facts in said case as provided in the act "to provide for bringing suits against the Government of the United States," approved March 3, 1887.